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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed March 25, 2004, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-32, for examination.

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Applicants recognize that restriction practice seeks to avoid multiple searches. However, MPEP 803 provides that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is respectfully submitted that the examination of all the claims in this application will not place an undue burden on the PTO. Note, particularly, that any searching needed to examine the unelected claims of Groups II-IV is a subset of that needed for Group I. Thus, no additional searching is required to examine the Groups II-IV claims. Furthermore, the patentability of method Claim 42, within Group V, is primarily a function of its compositional limitations, which are the same as those of Claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for restriction be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants were required to make two species elections. Applicants respectfully traverse each species election requirement on the ground that the claims as filed include sufficiently few species that a search and examination of all species would not impose a serious burden on the examiner. Moreover, the requirement of election in Group-B between aromatic monomers of Claims 15-17 and acryloyl monomers in Claims 18-22 is illogical because Claim 1 separately requires an alkenyl aromatic monomer and an acryloyl monomer. Applicants' election of a species in Group-B as defined by the Examiner does not reduce the searching burden of the Examiner. In other words, a restriction requirement may not be used to delete a limitation from a claim.

Recognizing their obligation to make species elections, Applicants elect, with traverse, the capped poly(arylene ether) of Claims 2-3 in Group-A. Applicants believe that Claims 1-10 and 12-46 (Claims 1-10 and 12-32 among elected Group I claims) read on the elected functionalized poly(arylene ether). Applicants also elect, with traverse, the aromatic monomers in Claims 15-17 in Group-B. Applicants believe that Claims 1-46 (Claims 1-32 among elected Group I claims) read on the elected Group-B monomer.


It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action.

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